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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 11, 2002, please amend the application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The substitute specification has been prepared and filed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 6, 12 and 16-23, and amend claims 1-5, 7-11, 13 and 14, as follows:

1. (amended) Highly absorbent composite sheet comprising:

a non-woven fabric substrate having a bulky structure;  
solid SAP partly contained inside said bulky structure and  
partly disposed on a surface of said non-woven substrate; and  
a hot-melt adhesive as a thermally fusible component, said  
hot-melt adhesive forming a fibrous network in a form of a mesh,